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SUBJECT: AMOCO OPERATIONS IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: CAIRO 8711

1. COINCIDENTAL WITH RECEIPT OF REFTEL, DIRECTOR OF ISRAELI NAVAL INTELLIGENCE CALLED NAVAL ATTACHE TO REITERATE ISRAELI "GENERAL POSITION" ON MARITIME JURISDICTION OFF THE COAST OF ISRAELI-OCCUPIED SINAI IN THE GULF OF SUEZ. EXPLAINING THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE THIS CALL BY THE COMMANDER OF THE ISRAELI NAVY AND THAT HIS REMARKS WERE PROMPTED BY THE RECENT INCIDENTS WITH THE AMOCO OIL EXPLORATION SHIP, HE SAID THAT THE ISRAELI POSITION IS THAT THEY HAVE LEGAL JURISDICTION OVER WATERS ADJACENT TO THEIR CONTROLLED TERRITORY. HE ADDED THAT IDF NAVY ACTIONS DURING THE RECENT INCIDENTS WITH AMOCO SHIPS WERE BASED ON THIS CONCEPT.

2. UPON LEARNING OF THIS APPROACH, THE AMBASSADOR INSTRUCTED THE DCM TO CALL EVRON IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND REPEAT THAT THIS ISRAELI POSITION ON JURISDICTION HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE UNITED STATES. WHEN DCM PASSED THIS MESSAGE TO EVRON, LATTER SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION. HE DID NOT REVEAL WHETHER THE IDF NAVY APPROACH HAD BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. COMMENT: SUGGESTION IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL APPEARS
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REASONABLE WAY OF ACCOMPLISHING WHAT WE WOULD LIKE:
PROTECTION OF AMERICAN INTERESTS WITHOUT GETTING OURSELVES
INTO A SITUATION WHERE ALL CONCERNED WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY BACKING
DOWN. INFORMATIONAL APPROACHES ON BEHALF OF U.S. VESSELS COULD

PROBABLY BE HANDLED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID THE QUESTION OF
LEGAL JURISDICTION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE.
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